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Sir:

In response to the election/restriction requirement dated March 5, 2003,
Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-36 and 42, drawn to compositions and methods of
purification of NS2/3 protease with LDAO.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute in one or more divisional applications whatever
subject matter is not allowed here.

Respectfully submitted,

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